



# **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Process Overview**

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# Presentation Outline

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- **History of MPOs**
- **Formation**
- **Responsibilities**
- **Coordination Efforts**

# History of MPOs

- **Established as part of Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962**
- **Created to facilitate transportation planning between local govt's and state DOTs**
- **Required for Urbanized Areas (UA) w/ population of 50,000+**
- **334 MPO currently exist nationwide**
  - **25 in Florida**

# History of MPOs - con't

- **3 C's of transportation planning**
  - Continuing
  - Comprehensive
  - Cooperative
- **Requires local governments to examine transportation system as a whole**
- **Opportunity for smaller municipalities to participate in transportation planning**

# Formation of MPO

- **Agreement between Governor's office and local govt's representing 75% of UA population**
- **Board comprised of local elected officials based on 'equitable geographic-population ratio basis'**
- **Transportation Authorities or operators of major modes of transportation can be voting members**

# Formation of MPOs - con't

- **Board is restricted to a maximum of 19 voting members**
- **County Commission must comprise at least 1/3 of voting membership**
- **Must establish three subcommittees**
  - **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**
  - **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**
  - **Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB)**

# Responsibilities

## • Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- Minimum 20 year planning horizon
- Goals and objectives to guide plan development
- Identifies system deficiencies and necessary improvements
- Identifies revenue sources
- Must contain a Cost Feasible Plan
- Requires extensive public involvement

# **Responsibilities - con't**

## **Transportation Improvement Program**

- **Five Year Transportation Budget**
- **Developed in cooperation with FDOT based on MPO priorities**
- **Must be financially feasible**
- **Identifies all federal and state transportation funds to be expended**



# **Responsibilities - con't**

- **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
  - **Annual budget document for MPO**
  - **Identifies work tasks to be accomplished during fiscal year**
  - **MPO fiscal year is July 1 - June 30 (State FY)**
  - **Identifies all funding sources for specified tasks**

# **Responsibilities - con't**

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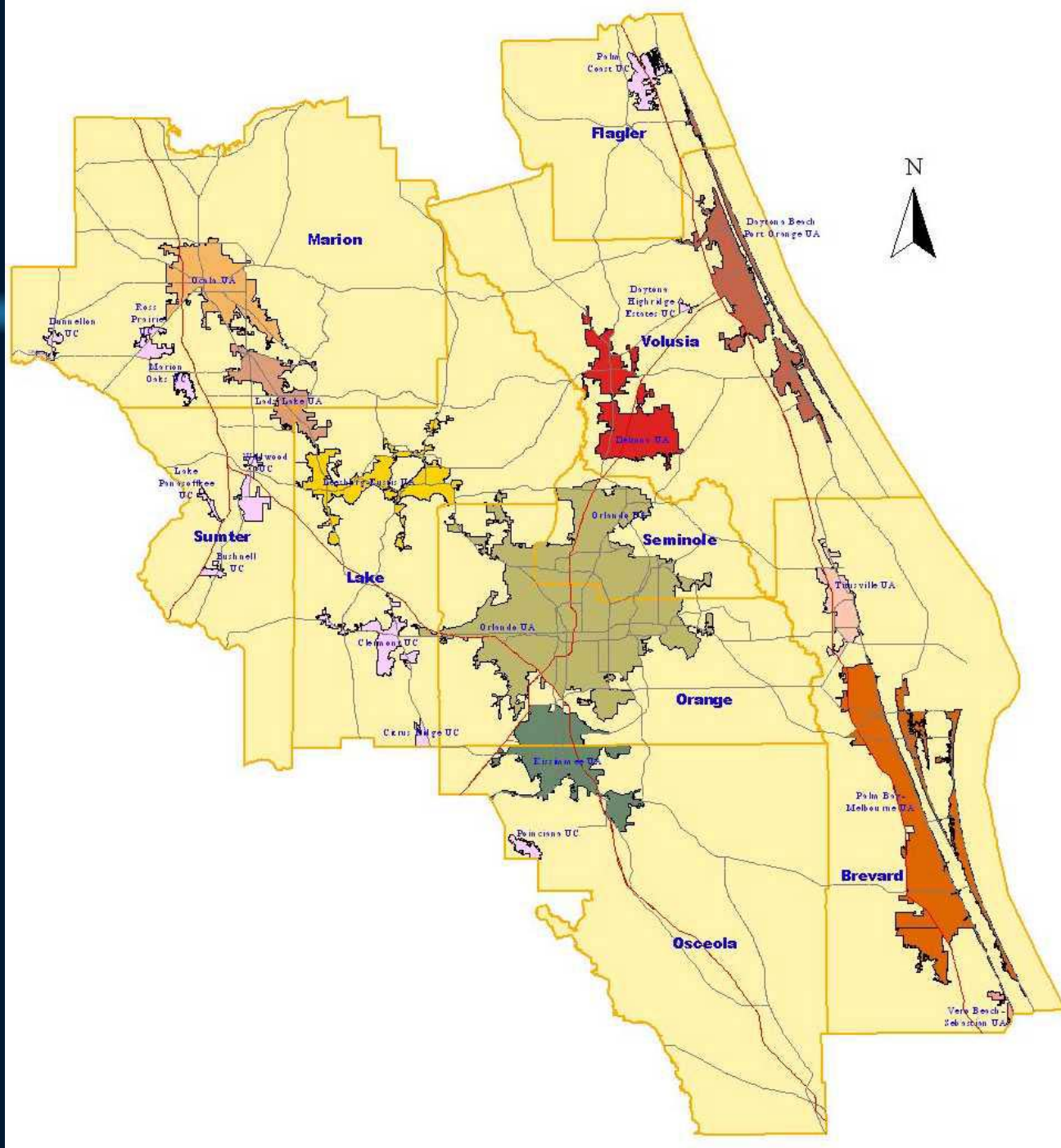
- **Congestion Management System - CMS**
- **Efficient Transportation Decision Making - EDTM**
- **Federal Enhancement Program**

# Coordination Efforts

## • 4 MPOs currently designated in District 5

- Brevard County
- Metroplan Orlando
- Ocala/Marion County
- Volusia County

## • Central Florida MPO Alliance





# Coordination Efforts

- **MPOs are required to coordinate regional planning issues**
- **US 441 and US 301 are primary concerns at this time**
- **Staff group established in 2000**
- **Looking to formalize this group once Lake-Sumter MPO is designated**





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